

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 597

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Requires moneys in Emergency Communications Account, including Enhanced 9-1-1 Subaccount, to be used for purposes of 9-1-1 emergency communications unless statutory exception is made during state of fiscal emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Cities, Counties, Department of Revenue, Oregon Military Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure requires that moneys in the Emergency Communications Account, including the Enhanced 9-1-1 Subaccount, are to only be used for purposes of 9-1-1 emergency communications unless a statutory exception is made during a state of fiscal emergency. The measure defines "fiscal emergency" as a projected deficit for the current biennium of at least 12% below the estimated amount projected by the Department of Administrative Services after adjournment sine die of the odd-numbered year regular session.

The measure restricts the use of state tax revenues in the Emergency Communications Account and Enhanced 9-1-1 Subaccount, which may limit the legislature's ability to use surplus moneys in the Account or Subaccount to help address state fiscal crises.

Legislative Fiscal Office believes this measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.